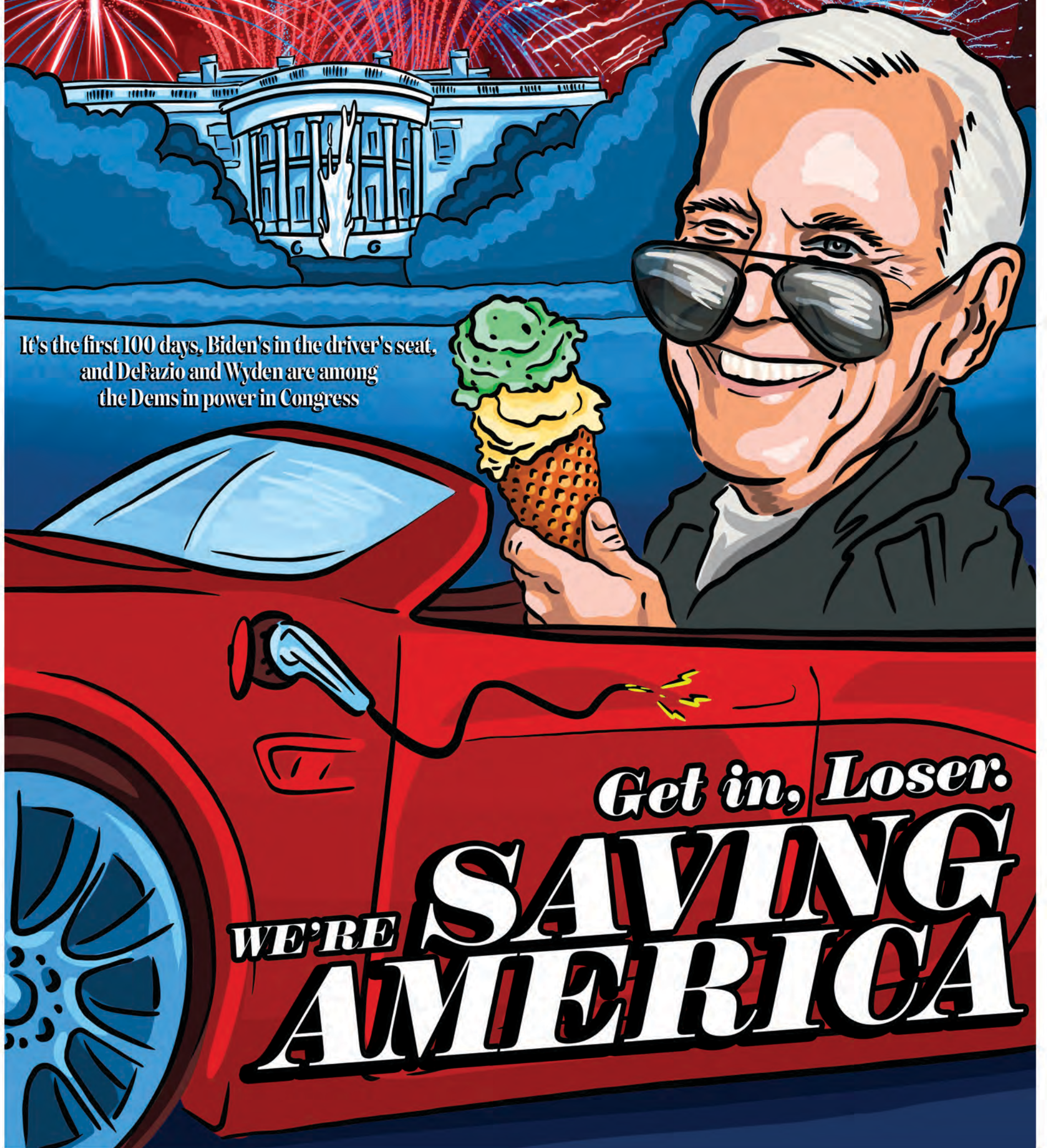


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# letters

## NO-MASKERS, UNMASKED

Today [Jan. 16] there were the “no-maskers,” an aggressive group of less than 20 young men and women shouting at people walking by Market of Choice. I was active in the protests of the ‘60s in the Bay Area, and the wrong person to shout out a derogatory statement to. I was asked how long I would wear a diaper on my face. I said as long as I feel I might be protecting you from a deadly illness.

As I walked away this protester shouted out at me about my weight. Now what does that have to do with wearing or not wearing a mask? Nothing. It is a reflection of the self centeredness of these few individuals displaying a pathological need to be right by attempting to intimidate me. I am disabled with an illness that has caused me to gain a few extra pounds. I am also a senior citizen.

These protesters failed today, by cruelly bullying a disabled senior citizen and revealing a nature not about bringing positive change but about needing to be seen. Because I kindly disagreed with them, they attempted to pull me into their narcissistic fury. I hope these young men and women will learn decency and discover the joy of focusing their need to bring about change, by championing worthy causes that help those who are in need.

I could have really used someone to bring in my groceries today. None of them thought to offer. Why would they? They had already judged me as inferior.

*Amie Williamson  
Eugene*

## IT'S UNFORGIVABLE

In today's letters (1/14), Christopher and Deb Michaels argue that we should “practice forgiveness” with the seditious rabble that invaded the Capitol.

No. No forgiveness. We tried this 155 years ago with the seditious traitors of the Confederacy, and the result was Jim Crow and a century of more white supremacy. This stops now. These people must be driven out of civic life and back under the rocks from which they oozed. Today's traitors must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, as should their enablers in the Senate and the House.

These people know nothing of goodwill. Their faith is always bad faith. They cannot be trusted, and should never be trusted.

*Gary Frazier  
Eugene*

*Editor's note: The letter was sent before Jan. 6 and was not addressing the Jan. 6 insurrection.*

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*David Stone  
Springfield*

## A TIME TO STEP UP AND HELP

The housing crisis is at an all time high here in Lane County. According to county information there are at least 9,600 homeless people living in the county, 35 percent of whom have been homeless for a year or longer. This is higher than the national average of 25 percent. We know it's a problem, yet those who want it fixed do not want to be a part of the solution.

Many residents of Lane County do not want the housing to be built in their neighborhoods. I think that it's time to take a stand. They are people and they need help. A big factor of their psychological health, mental health and addictions stem from not having a stable home or house to go to. This is costing us taxpayers as well as the government lots of money because we are responsible for the costs of when they go to the hospital or county jail. It would cost us less to provide them stable housing.

As those who are fortunate enough to be stable in housing and finances, we really need to be more empathetic to those in need. We need to allow these housing projects to be built in order to get these people off the streets and into a more comfortable and stable life. They need our support.

*Jessica Lee  
Springfield*

## THINK OF THE CHILDREN

COVID-19 has taken a lot from our children this past year: no in person schooling, no socializing with friends and no sports. The elimination of physical education and organized sports may be having a larger effect on our children than we may think.

The CDC recommends 60 minutes a day of physical activity in children 6-17. Most children would have reached these goals in school due to classes like PE and recess, and others most likely would be a part of an after-school sports program. Without opportunities like these, children are not likely to reach these goals on their own. A lack of physical activity in children can result in obesity, stress, restlessness and other adverse mental and physical ailments.

Lane County should be doing its part in helping our children be healthier and happier. Sports like softball, baseball and track don't require close contact to be played and can be modified easily to adhere to Lane County's restrictions. Schools could offer PE classes over Zoom and have students do yoga and other activities that don't require a large space.

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As a community we must think of ways to keep children healthy in all ways.

Madeline Barrett  
Eugene

## WHEN IS A MOB NOT A MOB?

What's the difference between a mob injuring officers and breaking into and trying to burn down federal buildings in a city and a mob breaking into the Capitol in Washington?

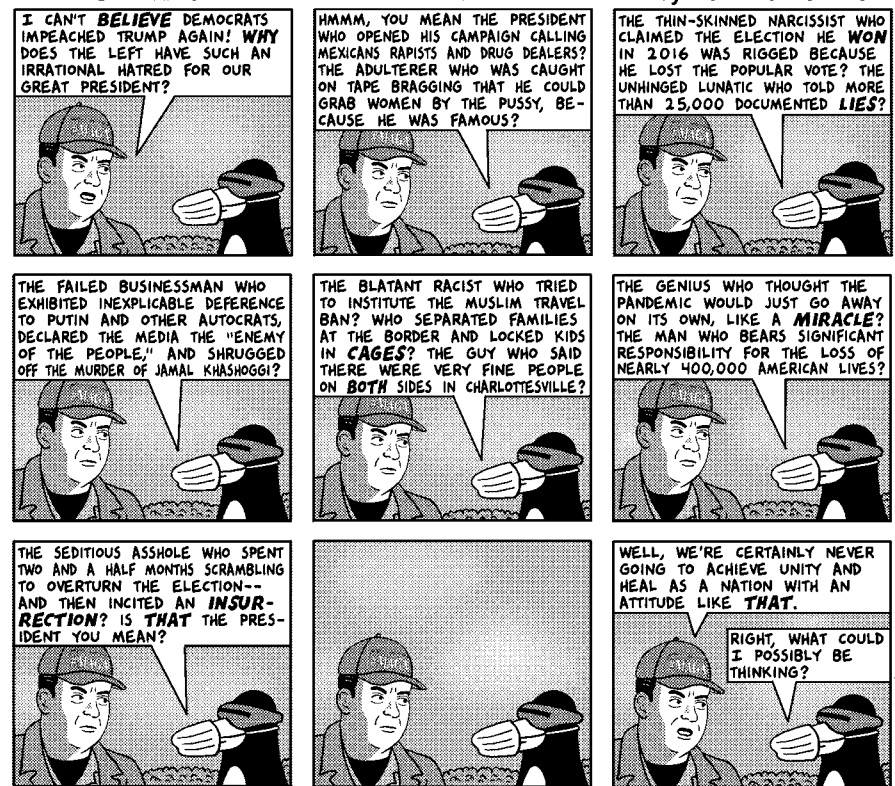
If a governor refuses to intervene by sending in the National Guard to prevent damage to public property, isn't that governor as complicit as President Donald Trump is accused of being in Washington? Aren't both actions "assaults on democracy" and the infrastructure of democracy?

The difference with some folks is that Gov. Kate Brown is a liberal Democrat, and her ardent devotees include rioters, vandals, looters and arsonist brownshirts — who are now trying to ban books — can apparently get away with anything.

Same situation in Seattle and all the

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



other major cities where unfettered, unrestrained mobs caused havoc and terrorized and financially ruined peaceful, productive people. What difference does it make what the protester's point of view is in a supposed nation of laws? It's the pot calling the kettle black.

Greg Williams  
Noti

## THE VEGAN REVOLUTION

It is said, "All revolutions devour their own children."

Don't forget to eat your vegetables America!

Bob Springenberg  
Eugene

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BLACK GIRL FROM EUGENE BY AYISHA ELLIOTT

# Examine Your White Privilege

THE JAN. 6 INSURRECTION CALLS ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO EXAMINE UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEMATIC RACISM

**D**ear White People:  
We all witnessed the uncorked anger of white people feeling robbed of their privilege.

White privilege, for white people, is hard to digest. For this small piece I will put in a temporary reprieve on privilege, and it does help my point. Yes, everyone has some sort of privilege — whether it's class privilege or gender privilege, part of the dominant religion privilege.

Privilege itself isn't really the issue. It is when we feel entitled to our privilege, and how we abuse our privilege. It's when we believe we deserve our privilege and others don't that it is the issue.

White supremacy and white privilege go hand in hand, but they are not the same. It's complicated, and it's simple; either way, it is factual. We witnessed an attempt to invoke fear through ideals of white supremacy. That national display on Jan. 6 was able to happen so openly and freely due to white privilege.

White people who say they are not racist, let me remind you:

It is not enough to be mad at white supremacist, racist. You MUST LOVE and HOLD RESPECT for Black people, Indigenous people, Indian people, Muslim people, Jewish people, Latinx people, LGBTQ+ people, gender fluid people, nonbinary people, disabled people. You hopefully get where I'm going. Whether you know any or not, hold dear THEIR wellness on their terms

Embracing, loving, respecting, and holding dear marginalized communities requires a truly honest reflection of your own relationship to white supremacy.

It is understandable if you're not good at speaking the right words on difficult subject matters, or don't know what to say to your racist uncle when he sideswipes you with a racist comment, or your boss has a confederate flag at his desk that makes

you uncomfortable. It is understandable, but you are not off the hook. Not knowing any Black people people, or queer people or Muslim people is also not an excuse for bypassing "the work" to create a reality that matches a "we the people" rhetoric.

It is also not enough to focus on love and light, and hope something miraculous

occurs and everything goes "back to normal." There needs to be a path to healing and closing the dissonance evident between the rhetoric of equity and the reality of society as a whole.

It is a time for self exploration to your anger, to your privilege, to your understanding of systematic racism and what it has to do with you, the very person who believes they are not racist. There is a direct connection.

It is important to talk to each other. Please know it is on you to do so: at work, at school, at church, at home with your racist uncle — while knowing that not everyone is equipped to teach or to bring compassion to the table when there's nothing but defensiveness being served. If you can't, it is essential you commit to uplift the voices of people who do know what to say, step aside and learn as well. No one is excused from the work.

Please understand that if you have racism or a racist in your family, it is likely historic and foundational. There is built up anger that is screaming fear of something irrational. It is assisted by the lies of white supremacy throughout our education system, health care, sciences, etc. If you've tried and your approach isn't working, with the advice of spiritualist Jessica Lanyadoo, "recalibrate your position and hold boundaries" around your investment to create an anti-racist society.

This country is racist. Performative allyship is dangerous. The reckoning is within white people's privilege, white supremacy and your personal, even if unintentional, relationship to it. ■

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# Betty Taylor Has Left the Building

OR SHE WOULD HAVE, IF EUGENE STILL HAD A CITY HALL

*By Taylor Perse*

**F**or the better part of 24 years, Betty Taylor spent every other Monday night at Eugene City Council meetings. Whether they were held at the former Eugene City Hall, Lane County's Harris Hall or virtually on Zoom, Taylor was there.

Now 95 years old, Taylor chose to step down and not seek re-election in 2020. Newer Ward 2 resident Matt Keating was elected to take over the position, and was not endorsed by Taylor. He was sworn into office in early January. Reflecting on her six-term City Council career — the longest one in Eugene history — Taylor says there were good moments and accomplishments, but also issues the council still needs to work on.

She spent much of her time on council as a liberal voice, sometimes standing alone on issues such as objecting to tax breaks on wealthier developers, but in the past year sided multiple times with Eugene's more conservative councilor, Mike Clark on issues such as multi-unit housing laws.

Before politics called, Taylor was an English teacher, earning her doctorate in English from the University of Oregon. She moved to Eugene in 1979 and bought her house in south Eugene several years later. Taylor ran for council in 1996 after Barbara Keller decided not to seek re-election.

Taylor picked up the petitions needed to become a candidate and thought about it, ultimately deciding to throw her name into the hat in the hope that she could change things.

"I decided I would speak up for the people who don't have a public voice," Taylor says. She never had any ambitions or desire to run for other political offices, local or otherwise. Over her years of running she was often endorsed by fellow city councilors, former Mayor Kitty Piercy and former Oregon 4th District Congressman Jim Weaver.

Taylor says she was consistently against tearing down parts of the city. In 2007 she teamed up with citizens to advocate against measure 20-134, which would have increased the debt for Downtown Urban Renewal Plan, allowing for corporate retail space downtown. In 2016 Taylor voted alongside then-Councilor George Brown against selling Kesey Square, at the time "officially" named Broadway Plaza.

"There has been too much destruction in this city anyway," Taylor says. "We have a teardown society."

Taylor was also against the 2014 teardown of City Hall, which has still not been rebuilt. She says when she was in her late 80s then-Eugene City Manager Jon Ruiz promised her that they would have a City Hall by the time she was 90.

A few years later, Taylor told Ruiz that she wasn't 90 yet. The former city manager was confused, reminding her that they had celebrated her 90th birthday recently.

"I told him 'Well we don't have a City Hall,'" Taylor says, adding that she believes more in repairing and reusing instead of tearing down.



Another notable action from Taylor's City Council career is her work in helping save the Amazon Creek Headwaters. The council voted in 2014 to purchase two plots of land containing main branches of Amazon headwaters in south Eugene and add them to the Ridgeline Trail System. The total acquisition was 26 acres.

Taylor says protecting neighborhoods was a big priority. She advocated for more regulation of short-term rentals over the last few years, because she says they have destroyed the availability of moderate priced houses in the community. Taylor isn't opposed to short-term rentals, she says, but thinks they at least need to be owner occupied.

The council passed an ordinance in 2020 that required short-term rental owners to register their rentals. Taylor says that the action was pointless and she was the lone vote against it, because "It didn't matter anymore."

"I even got an email from a man who lives in Paris and owns a house in my ward," she says. "It destroys neighborhoods, too."

Taylor has also opposed Oregon HB 2001, which requires every Oregon city of more than 10,000 residents to

allow multi-unit housing in any residential neighborhood within the urban growth boundary.

The bill usurps cities' rights and destroys zoning, she says. Clark agreed with Taylor on the subject. She says Clark knows people who plan to buy up housing so they can tear it down and build more condensed units.

"The state should be establishing homeless shelters," Taylor says. "People move around but the land doesn't." She adds that there needs to be a shelter downtown, explaining that if people had a place to sleep and keep their stuff, it would make it easier for them to access services.

Taylor says there are still several issues she wants to see the new City Council address.

"I hope for some really strong actions to combat climate change," Taylor says. "And I hope that we will persuade the state to pay for homeless shelters, and I also would like to see the city become more walkable."

Because of the pandemic, Taylor says she can't make many plans for her retirement, though she does hope to travel to the coast and make more train trips. Now that she doesn't have Monday night City Council meetings, she has the time. ■

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# Georgia on Their Mind

STAFFERS FOR PETER DEFAZIO WORKED DOOR TO DOOR IN GEORGIA  
TO HELP DEMOCRATS WIN BACK THE U.S. SENATE

By Emily Topping

It had been a long few days walking through the neighborhoods of Savannah, Georgia, and the miles were starting to catch up to Sierra Dameron. The field director for Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, Dameron had traveled all the way from Eugene with five other Oregon organizers to urge Georgia residents to vote in the critical Jan. 5 Senate run-off elections.

The two Georgia races had the potential to put the Senate back in the hands of the Democratic Party, ensuring that incoming President Joe Biden's legislative agenda had a chance of passing Congress.

By the end of their trip, the team had covered more than 60 miles on foot and 1,800 miles by car across three separate counties. Still, they knew they couldn't slow down until the polls closed on Jan. 5.

The two potential Democratic senators, Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock, would have to fight a decades-long history of voter suppression to mobilize Georgians, specifically Black and low-income voters, to defeat the two Republican incumbents.

In the week before the election, Dameron spent hours working her way through a stretch of low-income neighborhoods near Savannah, guided by an app Democratic field organizers use to track their progress. She could see who was registered to vote, which homes had already been canvassed and which might need a second visit to offer residents a ride to the polls. According to the app, the home she walked up to now housed four adult residents, only one of whom had cast their ballot.

"Hi, ma'am," Dameron said as the door opened. She made sure to adjust her face mask and stand a few feet apart from the entryway. After confirming that the woman had already voted, Dameron asked her to remind the other members of the household, listing their names.

"Oh, honey," said the older Black woman holding the door, shaking her head. "All of them have passed away in the last two months from COVID." She asked Dameron to please update her records.

Georgia has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic — the state shattered its single-day record of cases on Jan. 8 with nearly 13,000 new infections. The death rate in the state is 109 per 100,000 people, compared to Oregon's 41.

Part of the issue stems from a lack of statewide direction. Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp originally barred local municipalities from enacting mask mandates at the beginning of the pandemic. Although he eventually reversed the order in August 2020, allowing cities and counties to impose stricter COVID-19 safety measures if they choose, private businesses and restaurants can opt out.

At the same time, lack of a strong federal relief program means that many Georgians — much like residents of other states — have been forced to continue working. Racial and class inequalities also mean that certain groups, like Black people and those below the poverty line, are at much higher risk.

Reporting from the *Washington Post* shows that one in three Black people in the United States know someone who's died of COVID. In Georgia, where 32 percent of the



population is Black, the disparities are staggering.

"It was very difficult to come from Oregon, where we have these restrictions to keep us safe," Dameron says, "to see how these people's lives are so affected."

Dameron says the pandemic seemed to be the number one issue concerning voters, along with wealth inequality and disenfranchisement. Minimum wage in Georgia is \$5.15 an hour, and many voters said they struggled each month to pay rent.

Oftentimes, when Dameron and her team knocked on doors, they discovered residents who were unable to vote in the first place because of past criminal histories.

"I'd say a third of the people I spoke to were disenfranchised, a lot of times from drug cases," she says. In Georgia, strict drug laws mean that possession of more than an ounce of marijuana is considered a felony. Felons are barred from voting until the completion of their sentence, meaning some people Dameron spoke to, who were unable to pay their legal fees from past cases, hadn't voted in 20 years.

Carly Gabrielson, DeFazio's campaign manager and a 2013 University of Oregon graduate who joined the trip, says their main goal was not to get in the way of the work that local activists have been putting in for years.

"It was remarkable to see the broad coalition building, whether in religious circles or communal circles," Gabrielson says. She thanks Stacey Abrams, Georgia's former House minority leader, for the years of grass-roots activism to get voters to the polls. "People were so excited and determined, despite all of the barriers."

Dameron was brought to tears by the determination of one woman, who drove more than four hours one way from Savannah to Atlanta to pick up her daughter's ballot and return it to her home county. Other voters

were excited to even see activists touring their area — one woman, whose house sat at the end of a winding, rural road, said she'd never met a political organizer in her 20 years of living there.

"Georgia has proven that groups of people can come together and change," Gabrielson says. "We're seeing such an incredible expansion in the South and elsewhere with more people of color, and more young people who realize they have a role to play."

Final counts as of Jan. 16 show that the organizers' hard work paid off: Democrat Ossoff defeated incumbent David Perdue by 55,232 votes, and Rev. Warnock defeated Kelly Loeffler by 93,550. The election of two long-shot Senate seats in Georgia, the first Democrats elected to the Senate from Georgia since 2000, means both houses of the United States Congress are now blue.

Organizers in Georgia, however, did not have much time to celebrate their incredible victory on Jan. 5 — a day before the attack on the U.S. Capitol building.

Gabrielson, Dameron and the rest of their team were still in Georgia, at separate Airbnbs and hotels, when news of the attack broke.

"The Warnock race had just been called and we were feeling the jubilation of that moment, and then suddenly realized this awful event is unfolding in D.C.," Gabrielson says. Members of DeFazio's team quickly convened in one hotel room to watch the news together.

"We were able to contact Peter. He understood that the president's supporters were being goaded on, and this is incredibly dangerous," Gabrielson says. DeFazio was evacuated from the Capitol building and soon confirmed to his staff that he was safe. In an interview with OPB, DeFazio describes anticipating the chaos and going to REI and purchasing bear spray to defend himself.

For Gabrielson, who once worked as an intern at the U.S. House of Representatives, it felt surreal to see a place she holds in such high regard being overrun by domestic terrorists.

"Like a lot of folks, we were devastated and then infuriated," she says. "They're desecrating a sacred space."

Dameron described the air in the crowded hotel room as one of overwhelming sadness. "We were grateful that we could be there for each other," she says.

Since returning home from Georgia, members of DeFazio's team haven't had much opportunity to reflect on their significant success. Political organizers are already looking to the 2022 midterms and opportunities to replicate their victories across the U.S.

In the immediate future, Gabrielson and Dameron look forward to working with a blue Senate to achieve Biden's "100 days agenda," which includes tackling the coronavirus with the distribution of 100 million vaccines, as well as steps to overhaul climate policy.

"We're entering a period of reckoning and rebuilding," Dameron says. "I think the past four years have certainly done a number on the fabric of our democracy, but the individual threads are so strong." ■



# slant

• The prevailing of democracy, the shattering of a glass ceiling, the calls for unity from the same stage where the last president called for, and later incited, carnage — in so many ways **the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris was a balm to the wounds of the nation.** Biden is a leader who is remarkable in his capacity for emotion, and his tone and speech reflected that, as well as his focus on uniting a divided people during racial unrest and a global pandemic. The words of Amanda Gorman, the 22-year-old national youth poet laureate, who recited her poem “The Hill We Climb” — updated after the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol — reminded us: “But while democracy can be periodically delayed / It can never be permanently defeated.”

• From shutting down the Legislature for security reasons to hastening the distribution of the COVID vaccine for life and death reasons, **Gov. Kate Brown is doing a fine job.** The angrier the right-wing anti-maskers and extremists get about her, the more it's clear she's trying to make good choices for the well-being of all, not just a few. We applaud her and continue to wonder where she will go in 2022 when her term ends. Hopefully, to the Biden administration, if that is what she wants to do.

• **What we're eating:** country loaf from the Camas Mill Bakery north of Eugene off Highway 99. This is so good that a friend ate nearly a whole loaf for his dinner. Is it better than Hideaway Bakery's or Metropol's best dark loaf? Those are fighting words! You decide and let us know.

• **He was, of course, the worst of us, and we may never outlive the cruelty and angst that former President Donald Trump spread throughout this country these past four years.** The ooze has seeped down to ordinary citizens and forced neighbors and friends to turn their backs on each other. Now he's gone, and we can take a breath. The coming years will not be easy, but the competence and empathy that President Joe Biden demonstrates by the day at least offers hope.

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## It's About Time

by David Wagner



SETOPHAGA TOWNSENDI - TOWNSEND'S WARBLER

Along the trail to Trestle Creek Falls, above Brice Creek in southern Lane County, I found a solitary, ancient rock sword fern (*Polystichum imbricans*). It is a relictual plant, one that has survived from the time when this site was an open, rocky ridge. That's the sunny habitat this species prefers. Over the last centuries a towering forest has closed in and this species is no longer reproducing here. These relictual oldsters are not hard to find because our regional forests have an average 500-year cycle of fire replacement.

Western sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*) is one of only two or three forest understory species that survive total stand replacing fires in the forests on the west side of the Cascade Range. It means sword ferns are often older than old growth trees above them. Some of the monster ferns are certainly hundreds of years old.

Appreciating the time scale of old sword ferns can be contrasted with current bird populations in urban areas. In north Eugene our feeders have been swarmed by about five times the normal visits. Great variation from year to year is not unusual, but this rush began early, right after the Labor Day fires started. We see crowds of a dozen or more different birds every day. The Holiday Farm Fire has devastated one of our most treasured environments up river. It is not unreasonable to propose that the birds we have been enjoying for three months are a consequence of their fleeing the burning forests.

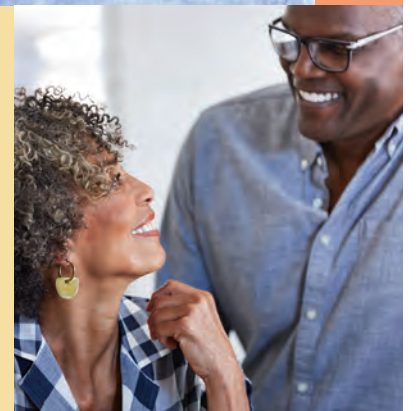
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# BIDEN MY TIME

*For the first time in 10 years, Democrats have the White House and Congress. So what's next?* BY HENRY HOUSTON

**T**he last time Democrats had both chambers of Congress and the White House, Barack Obama had overcome the odds and had been elected the first Black president.

When Congressman Peter DeFazio recalls those two years of Democratic Party control, he says Obama made a mistake in economic recovery after listening “to that jerk Larry Summers” when pushing for the Troubled Assets Relief Package (TARP) legislation during the Great Recession, which resulted tax cuts too small to notice and minimal job creation.

Summers was President Bill Clinton’s treasury secretary, and during Obama’s first year served as the director of the National Economic Council.

DeFazio says TARP cost the party dearly in 2010. The party lost the House and wouldn’t be in the majority until 2018. The congressman says he remembers former Congressman John Mica (R-Florida) telling him after the 2010 election that the Transportation and Infrastructure committee chair would have been DeFazio’s if the

Democrats had done real infrastructure investment and created real jobs during those two years. Eight years later, DeFazio became the chair when Democrats took the House.

After four years of the Trump administration, two of which were dominated by a Republican Congress, President Joe Biden and the Democrats have retaken the White House and a slim majority on Capitol Hill. Biden’s first days are crucial for setting the tone for the next four years, because those early days could set the pace for his presidency, says Chris Stout, an Oregon State University associate professor of political science.

And two of Oregon’s federal delegation will be there to help: DeFazio and Sen. Ron Wyden.

With help from the slim Democratic control in Congress, Biden will work on COVID-19 relief legislation, economic recovery bills that include investing in the U.S.’s infrastructure, addressing voters’ rights and elections, as well as Trump’s likely trial in the Senate.

The Democratic Party is in a different ideological place compared to 2008, Stout says, in part because of Sen. Bernie Sanders’ previous presidential campaigns and Biden’s diverse cabinet picks. With this arsenal, Biden has

the opportunity to not to sign an easy legislative victory like a COVID-19 relief bill but also push for progressive policies.

To avoid a Republican midterm takeover in two years, DeFazio says, Democrats have to strike right away, and move quickly and aggressively to restore the middle class and create new jobs, proving to the Americans who voted for Trump that Democrats can create a strong economy.

In the upper house of Congress, Wyden has spent much of the past four years criticizing the Trump administration and Republicans. His critiques include saying the Trump campaign colluded with the Russian government in July 2017; defending Portland Trail Blazers basketball player Enes Kanter’s criticism of the Turkish government in March 2019; and openly calling Trump “a clear and present danger” to the U.S. and its democracy on Jan. 13 via Twitter.

Wyden is now the chair of the Senate Finance Committee and agrees with DeFazio that Congress has to move strongly on the economy. And he says the Senate can address both the COVID-19 ravaged economy and convict former President Donald Trump of inciting the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol at the same time.





Photo by Adam Schultz / Biden for President

## WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS

By opposing TARP, DeFazio says he was a “pariah” of the party. But years later, he says Rep. Nancy Pelosi told him he was right to oppose it, and if the party had listened to DeFazio, they might not have lost the House. Before Summers got involved and added the “tax cuts too small to notice” to TARP, he says, the bill had money for real infrastructure jobs. This time around, Democrats have to invest in Americans, he says.

“We need to act quickly and show the Americans that there are real results that will not be trickle-down economics or a pittance in everybody’s pockets,” he says, “but actual employment opportunities with real wages and benefits for millions of Americans who have lost their jobs, whose jobs aren’t coming back, living in depressed areas.”

And infrastructure is a key part of that plan, he adds.

Based on his campaign promises, Trump treated infrastructure like a siren song during his presidential campaigns and term. He frequently talked about how he wanted to invest in infrastructure, but as leader of the Republican Party, he never demonstrated any interest in pushing anything through a Republican-controlled Congress. In fact, national news outlets such as *Los An-*

*geles Times* reported that Trump stormed out of a May 2019 meeting on infrastructure with Democratic Party members of Congress because of House investigations over whether he had blackmailed Ukraine leaders, which resulted in his first impeachment.

On July 1, 2020, the House passed DeFazio’s infrastructure bill, called The Moving Forward Bill, but then Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell never introduced it to the Senate. If passed, it would have invested \$1.2 trillion into the U.S. economy, putting money in areas such as zero-emission buses, affordable housing, renewable energy — and more.

Six months later, DeFazio has that bill ready for re-introduction to the House. He says officials with Biden’s team have seen the bill and so has Pete Buttigieg, Biden’s pick for secretary of transportation. “They are familiar with the bill I moved through the House last year, which was a massive investment that would have created millions of jobs while also taking very aggressive steps against climate change and fossil fuel pollution from transportation, which is the largest emitting factor,” DeFazio says. “I’m certainly open to enhancing or adding provisions to my legislation, but they indicate they think it’s a very good starting point.”

Based on Biden’s Jan. 14 speech, the first legislation that Biden wants Congress to pass is a COVID-19 relief bill. DeFazio says he’ll be involved with certain aspects of that legislation related to “transit, rail, aviation, ports, airports and other entities that are suffering revenue losses and massive layoffs.” After that, DeFazio says the next legislation would be a recovery package along the lines of The Moving Forward Act.

The legislation doesn’t just create work for the construction industry but also engineering, design and manufacturing jobs, the congressman says. And the transportation committee has the strongest “buy America” provision in all of government.

Many Trump voters in 2020 were persuaded to vote for him because of the economy, according to exit polls from *The Washington Post*. If Democrats can demonstrate they can create jobs, DeFazio says “a lot of those people fall off his bandwagon.”

By scattering federal investments in economically depressed areas throughout the U.S., such as rural parts of Oregon, and if the Democrats move fast enough, the Moving Forward Act could change the Democratic Party’s image for some of those 74 million people who voted for Trump in 2020 out of anger for being left out of economic policies of Congress and past presidential administrations. “They’re not white supremacist fascists who invaded the Capitol, they’re just people who are desperate,” DeFazio says.

But if the Democrats in Congress had the political capital to only pass one piece of legislation, DeFazio says it has to be H.R. 1, which would address voting rights in the U.S. He says it would help mitigate the Republican Party’s advantage in future elections.

According to the bill’s language from its 2019 introduction, it addresses voters’ rights, such as voter registration, voting access and limits removing voters from voter rolls; regulate campaign spending, including expanding a ban on foreign money in elections; and require presidential candidates and their running mates to submit up to 10 years of tax returns (which is clearly influenced by Trump’s refusal to share his).

## WYDEN IN THE SENATE SEAT

DeFazio isn’t the only Oregon politician to have a committee chair in D.C. Sen. Ron Wyden will serve as chair of the Senate Finance Committee now that the Democratic Party has 50 seats and a vice president to break the tie. The finance committee has oversight on taxation and revenue issues. “It’s the most sought after committee in the Senate,” Wyden tells *Eugene Weekly*.

Over the next two years, Democrats in the Senate will have to juggle Trump’s trial, new legislation and Republicans who will try to get in the way of policymaking. But Wyden says he is optimistic about the new leadership in the White House: “After the past four years, I’m eager for this fresh start and a new day.” Like DeFazio, Wyden

says it’s important that the party has learned its lesson from 2009 — because you can’t hope to have a second chance at running Congress. “Congress in ’09 didn’t pass another economic relief package after the recovery act, and Democrats lost control in 2010,” he says. “You’d better not take your foot off the gas in the middle of economic recovery.”

Wyden says he’s proposing triggers that tie unemployment benefits to economic conditions on the ground. “We saw the need for that in December,” he says. “We had millions of families at risk of losing all their income the day after Christmas because Mitch McConnell was blocking an extension — that’s no way to run a country.”

Wyden says he’s spent some time with Biden’s pick for secretary of the treasury, Janet Yellen, whom Obama nominated to serve as chair of the Federal Reserve over Summers after pressure from liberal Democrats in 2013. “I think we’re very much on the same wavelength of those issues,” he adds.

As chair of the finance committee, he says he wants to ensure every American pays their taxes, including the very wealthy. He points to the disparity between working Americans like nurses on the COVID-19 front line and the billionaires who can defer their taxes “to the point where they pay hardly anything at all.”

And he says he wants to throw all 44 fossil fuel tax breaks away. In their place, he wants to have tax breaks for clean energy, clean transportation fuel and energy efficiency. “We’ll get more green for less green,” he adds.

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— RON WYDEN, U.S. SENATOR

Wyden says working in a Senate that’s split 50-50 means he’ll have to work across the aisle like he did when pushing for the additional \$600 in unemployment per week in the CARES Act. “I was able to get the Trump administration — not the Republican senators — to go along, and we built a coalition so we couldn’t be stopped on the Senate floor,” he says. “The unemployment expansion that brought more than \$2 billion to Oregon and helped thousands of Oregonians make rent and pay groceries actually lowered the poverty rate in America. I stayed with it until we had enough support to get it passed.”

And Wyden will push for another round of \$600 unemployment checks in an upcoming COVID relief bill.

In addition to economic relief legislation, Democrats also have to deal with Trump’s trial whenever the House decides to deliver the impeachment papers to the upper chamber of Congress. Wyden says although McConnell has signaled he approved of Trump’s recent impeachment, he’s also given mixed signals on it. But Wyden says the Senate can do both economic recovery and deal with Trump’s trial at the same time. “I played basketball in college. I can dribble with both hands and you can focus on the economic reform agenda and ensuring there’s accountability,” he says.





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## BIDEN'S FIRST 100 DAYS

Of course, the biggest change to Washington D.C. is the change in leadership in the White House. With Biden sworn in on Jan. 20, the 46th president inherits some of the biggest challenges any incoming president has ever dealt with. His performance over these first 100 days won't just set the pace for his presidency, but also his popularity.

OSU political science associate professor Stout says this period is considered crucial for any president, since most Americans generally want to see the country succeed and the president hasn't done anything wrong, yet. What Biden does over this period could curtail his agenda. He points to former President Bill Clinton, who slowed down his agenda by pursuing Don't Ask Don't Tell. He adds that Trump immediately upset many Americans by getting in a fight with the National Park Service over how many people attended his inauguration.

Although Biden is another president who's an old white guy, the support he's enlisted is historic. In addition to having the first-ever vice president of Black and South Asian descent, he also has the most diverse picks for a cabinet in U.S. history. If confirmed by the Senate, one-half of the cabinet would be women and a majority would be people of color.

A diverse cabinet could have a drastic impact on governance, Stout says. Diverse cabinet members have a lived experience that past members don't have. "The more diverse cabinet will probably be more focused on inequality than in the past," he says. "Just policy-wise, there's going to be drastic differences in the views of what the government should be doing between Biden's picks and Trump's cabinet officials."

Stout says for Biden to start the first 100 days off right, he needs to champion legislation that everyone can agree on. Obama did it with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, and Biden's support for a COVID-19 economic relief package could be his popular action. Stout adds that with some Republican lawmakers supporting an increase of

the individual stimulus checks to \$2,000 from \$1,400. If the relief legislation passed Congress, it would be a major win for Biden.

Politically for Biden, getting Congress on board for the COVID-19 relief bill is relatively easier than the other policies he's advocating for. Stout says lowering the age for Medicare, addressing the public option on health care and building green infrastructure will take more political

as strong a stance on the budget deficit this time because so many of them were in support of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. According to a February 2019 report from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the Trump-era tax cut will add \$1.9 trillion to the deficit over 10 years.

As for the atmosphere of the country and the Democrats' views on TARP-like legislation that DeFazio so vehemently opposed at the risk of becoming the "pariah"

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**— PETER DEFAZIO, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**

capital. But that bigger legislation might not happen in the first 100 days.

Stout says it's a big deal that in Biden's COVID-19 relief proposal a \$15 minimum wage is included. "I don't think that's something Obama would have pushed for," he adds. The growing presence of Black Lives Matter-related protests is also an opportunity for Biden to make some headway on racial equality issues, too, he adds.

Obama did have to deal with the "Taxed Enough Already" Party (Tea Party), but Stout says Republicans can't take

of the party, according to the congressman, the party has changed, Stout says. Thanks to Sanders' presidential campaigns and the progressive movement he helped spark, the Democratic Party is more left than it was when Obama had Summers working on TARP, he adds.

After progressive Democrats pressured Biden to not have Summers in his administration, maybe the party has learned its lesson on how to stay in power, but after Biden's first two years, voters will say how the 46th president fared in the 2022 midterms. ■



If Not Now, When? No, seriously, when? The Maude Kerns Art Center is hosting an art show where the theme begs the question to be answered. The name of the show, *If Not Now, When?* was chosen in part by local artist Tim Boyden, who brought together a group of artists that also includes Jud Turner, Ila Rose and Michael Whitenack (art pictured). Boyden felt he wanted to “get like-minded people together in these times, and get a sense of urgency about our world.” The exhibit’s message is about artistic collaboration and positive outlooks for the future. Through art, they wish to “Heal the divisions and bring people with different visions together, for a better future for all.” Sarah Ciampa, the exhibits coordinator at Maude Kerns, says, “I think the art is fantastic. I’m very inspired by it. It’s some of the best work by some of the best artists that Eugene has.”

*If Not Now, When?* at Maude Kerns, 1910 E. 15th Avenue, runs through Feb. 12. Gallery hours are 10 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday and noon to 4 pm Saturday. Due to COVID, Maude Kerns prefers you make an appointment online to view the art at MKArtCenter.org; drop-ins are allowed only if there is space. — *Chandlor Henderson*

## GENERAL

**LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

### ART EXHIBITS

"If Not Now, When?" (thru Feb. 12), Maude Kerns Art Center.

Erik Sandgren - "Observed, Imagined and Remembered: The Northwest Landscape" (thru Feb. 27), Karin Clarke Gallery.

Focus Artist - Becki Hessedahl at River Gallery (thru Feb. 28), River Gallery, Independence.

Exhibition: Highlights From the Gallery Collection (thru March 6), White Lotus Gallery.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu.

### GATHERINGS

2021 Oregon Stewardship Award nominations (thru Jan. 31). More info at MNCH. UOoregon.edu.

### HEALTH

Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com;

HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

All levels of yoga (chair, advanced, yoga for health care workers and children) at Vista Wellness Center. Visit VistaPsych.com for more info.

### GATHERINGS

Christmas Tree Pickup w/ BSA Troop 182 (thru Jan. 31). Visit Trees182.com to fill out the request form.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

### FAMILY/KIDS

Winter Reading: Free Books for Kids and Teens w/ Eugene Public Library (thru Jan 31). More info at 541-682-5450 or Eugene-or.gov/library.

### RECREATION

Adult (18+) Drop-in Soccer at Civic Park (every Tuesday thru Jan.). More info at EugeneCivicAlliance.org.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 21

### FILM

Springfilm: *Maria Full of Grace* - Live Stream & Film Discussion, 7pm. More info at Springfield-or.libcal.com.

### GATHERINGS

The People's Inauguration, noon-4pm, The Historic Mims House, 330 High St.

### HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing Through Discussion Group w/ the Trauma Healing Project, 9:30-11am. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Move Better, Connect to Yourself, 10-11am & 6-7pm. More info at BodyWork-bySabine.com.

A Dissenter's Take: The New Administration's Ap- pointee's Priorities and Our Movements, 3-5pm. More info at CLDC.org.

Trafficking Awareness Month: Doing the Work in Lane County, 3:30pm. More info at EcaseyLane.org.

Fred H. C. Liang: "Conver- gence," 4pm. More info at Facebook.com/UOartde- partment/live.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education – Planned Par- enthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org.

What You Wish You Learned in Health Class, 4pm. More info at OpheliasPlace.net.

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Com- cast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

### RECREATION

Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez, 6-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on site's Facebook page).

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave.

## FRIDAY JANUARY 22

### GATHERINGS

City Club of Eugene: "Get to Know Eugene's New City Councilors (Randy Groves & Matt Keating)," noon, Eugene City Club Facebook Page. Airs again at 7pm Monday, Jan. 25, on KLCC, 89.7 FM.

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email Eu- geneFoodNotBombs@gmail. com for location), serves at 4pm at Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. next to fountains.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Expression Through Art w/ The Trauma Healing

Project, 4-5pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Friday Night Writes: Quar- antine Edition, 6-9pm. More info at WordCrafters.org. FREE-\$15.

### MUSIC

Friday Night Folk Music Live Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Festival Facebook page.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7pm. Zoom only at BlueCliffZen.org.

## SATURDAY JANUARY 23

### DANCE

Ten Tiny Dances® w/ The Majestic Theatre (Corval- lis), all day. Info at App.arts. People.com. \$10-20.

### KIDS/FAMILY

"Bookish Brain" Trivia Night w/ Eugene Public Library Foundation, 6pm. More info at EPLFoundation.org. \$5-20.

### GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am- 3:30pm. More info at Burri- toBrigade.org.

Classic Car Show Weekend at 5th Street Public Market, 11am-4pm, 5th Street Public Market.

Healing Evening, stories & experiences of 2020, 2-4pm, New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

### ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF. org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

## SUNDAY JANUARY 24

### GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade. org.

Classic Car Show Weekend at 5th Street Public Market, 11am-4pm, 5th Street Public Market.

### HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon- 4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

### MUSIC

Delgani String Quartet ("Gesture and Journey"), 3pm. Streamed at Delgani. org.

### RECREATION

Brewers Guild Bingo, 3-6pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on site's Facebook page).

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene- Insight.com.

## MONDAY JANUARY 25

### GATHERINGS

10th Annual (Virtual) Books and Brews w/ Springfield Public Library Foundation, all day thru Jan. 29. Info at WhereMindsGrow.org.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Activity Kits for Kids w/ Eugene Public Library

("Tiny Art"), starting at 10am, downtown and Bethel branches. More info at 541- 682-5450 or Eugene-or.gov/ library.

### HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane. org.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

SING in the New Year!, 5:30-6:15pm. More info at EmmaRoselynn.com.

Meaningful Holidays, 6-7:30pm. More info at Med- itateInEugene.org. \$2.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 26

### GATHERINGS

Lane County Audubon's January Program Meet- ing-Mimicry, 7-8:30pm. More info at LaneAudubon.org.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Activity Kits for Kids w/ Eugene Public Library ("Tiny Art"), starting at 10am, Sheldon Branch. More info at 541-682-5450 or Eugene-or.gov/library.

Family Storytime online w/ Eugene Public Library, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

### LITERARY ARTS

What to Read Next: New Year's Edition Live w/ Eugene Public Library You- Tube page. More info at 541- 682-5450 or at Eugene-or. gov/library.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Gentle Restorative Yoga via Zoom w/ The Trauma Heal- ing Project, 10-11am. More info at HealingAttention. org. FREE-\$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Open Heart NeuroMedita- tion: 6 Week Course, 4-6pm. More info at NeuroMedita- tionInstitute.com. \$175.

Trafficking Awareness Month: Doing the Work in Lane County, 5:30-7pm. More info at EcaseyLane. org.

Lamrim Practice, 6-7:30pm, Online. More info at Medi- tateInEugene.org. \$2.

### MUSIC

Delgani String Quartet ("Gesture and Journey"), 7:30pm. Streamed at Del- gani.org.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Nia Moving to Heal w/ The Trauma Healing Project via Zoom, 3-4pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

SING in the New Year!, 5:30-6:15pm. More info at EmmaRoselynn.com.

Create a Brighter Future, 6-7:30pm. More info at Medi- tateInEugene.org. \$2.

### ON THE AIR

"Come Together Oregon," 6pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 28

### HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane. org.

### KIDS/FAMILY

International Lego Day - Virtual Lego Club at the Springfield Public Library - January 28 , 3:30 pm , Online, Eugene, OR <Eugene Weekly> .

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing Through Discussion Group w/ the Trauma Heal- ing Project, 9:30-11am. More info at HealingAttention. org. FREE-\$15.

### LITERARY ARTS

This is my America Book Club - Springfield & Springfield Public Library Celebrates Authors/UO Common Reading, 11am. More info at MRiddle@ Springfield-or.gov or at 541- 726-3766.

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

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## ATTENTION

"Dear Stranger," a let- ter-exchange project from Oregon Humanities, offers a chance for connection during COVID-19 by inviting Oregonians to write letters with someone they've never met. The aim of Dear Stranger is to create shared understanding among Oregonians with different backgrounds, experiences and beliefs. The premise is simple: Write a letter, get a letter and make a new connection. Oregon Humanities has operated Dear Stranger since 2014. This winter's prompt for writers is about food: "How has your relationship with food — what you eat and how you get it — changed over the past year? What is a favorite meal of yours, and when is your first memory of that meal?" Prompts for writing and instructions for participation are available at OregonHumanities.org. Letters are swapped anonymously, and each person re- ceives a letter from the per- son who received the one they wrote. What happens next is up to the writers. If they'd like to write back, they can do so through Oregon Humanities. Letters should be addressed to Ore- gon Humanities, Attn: Dear Stranger, 921 SW Washing- ton St., Suite 150, Portland, Oregon, 97205. Oregon Humanities will exchange letters mailed by Feb. 28, 2021.



# The Postman

MULTI-FACETED SALEM ARTIST WITH CONNECTIONS TO EUGENE SENDS CONCERTS TO YOUR MAILBOX

By Will Kennedy

The daily mail delivery has become a comfort — thanks to the depths of the pandemic and working from home, and despite the U.S. Postal Service becoming highly politicized in the 2020 presidential election.

Austin Rich, a Salem-based visual artist, writer, internet-radio host and musician with deep ties to the Eugene area, has turned the humble act of sending and receiving mail into political protest and a commentary on isolation.

As he put it to me the other day, simply sign up for Rich's mailing list and he'll deliver "concerts to your mailbox," in the form of a monthly postcard with original art and a QR code that unlocks digital music.

"We're living in this climate where suddenly the mail is this very politicized thing," Rich tells me over the phone. "I can use this thing that I already use to have concerts in your mailbox, free of charge."

In broad strokes, Rich's music falls into two categories: experimental sound collage and traditional rock 'n' roll-based songwriting mixed with the Dadaist-tendencies of The Residents and Negativland.

Rich went to high school in Cottage Grove and after graduation lived in Eugene for a time in the mid-'90s.

He's still involved in several music projects in the Eugene area, namely DEATH MUTATIONS, which is a found sound collage and sampling project with Eugene-based artist I Died, from local Ghost House DJ nights. Some music fans may also remember Rich from the Eugene punk band Cathead, active in the '90s.

Last spring, Rich was slated to support Negativland in Eugene at Old Nick's, but the concert was canceled on account of COVID. In the past, he's toured with Mark Hosler from the group, and next month, Rich will release a rock-based album under a project he calls ShotReverseShot.

His experimental, sound collage work isn't explicitly topical, but recent work features chopped-up Mike Pence speeches; another reconfigures an old recording of Bing Crosby reading *The Emperor's New Clothes* to say "the swindler's new clothes."

"I've always been attracted to things that are very political," he says. Other interests include experimental performance art. "Often when you get involved in protests or activism, the music ends up being performative and abstract," Rich explains. Instead, his work is more in



AUSTIN RICH

tune with the moment rather than strictly how the song goes, Rich says.

Rich says Dylan Houser and Scott Bazer, friends as well as fellow musicians and artists from outside Oregon, inspired his postcard project.

"All my friends stuck at home waiting for the mail to come: can't play shows, can't go out," he says. The postcards could be a way to get music to people without playing a show or leaving the house, he thought.

"I was blown away because it was so simple," Rich continues. So simple, in fact, "We can't be the only ones who landed on it." But to the best of his knowledge, Rich might be among the few artists trying it, he says.

Sending physical media in the mail that plays music has been tried before, in the form of flexi-postcards with actual record grooves cut into them. Those postcards, however, proved expensive to make and not very durable. In the 1970s, the government of Bhutan also issued miniature postage stamp-sized 33 1/3 records that could be

played on a turntable and used as postage. The Bhutan stamp records are now highly sought after by collectors.

Marc Time, a Eugene radio DJ, record collector and host of *The Sunday Morning Hangover* on KWVA, the University of Oregon's campus radio station, is on Rich's mailing list.

"Austin has been a fixture in the noise and experimental scene here for years," Time says. The postcard project "is the perfect combination of old technology and new technology," he continues. ■

*Austin Rich's postcards are free, though he does accept donations. To get on the mailing list and to keep up-to-date on all of Rich's many projects, go to [AustinRich.org](http://AustinRich.org).*

## books

# Escaping the Future

EUGENE SCI-FI AUTHOR TOUCHES ON CLIMATE CHANGE, CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS AND THE COMING APOCALYPSE IN THE SECOND BOOK IN HIS FOUR-PART SERIES

By Will Kennedy

The *Foreseeable Future*, the second book in the SEEDER series from Eugene-based sci-fi author Howard Libes, is a gripping and well-paced expansion of the universe and characters created in *When All Else Fails*, the first book in his intergenerational saga.

With highly relevant themes of government corruption and environmental collapse, the story picks up where the first book leaves off: The planet Koda has been decimated by an environmental catastrophe, and the majority of the population lives in dome cities.

There was another option for the people of Koda to escape their dying planet besides the faulty dome project, but it was all covered up by an autocratic global regime.

As the story begins, Yorlik "Yor" Vanderlord, the heir apparent of the world famous Vanderlord family, has escaped Koda alongside the mysterious tech entrepreneur Mado Prevor in a newly restored spaceship called When All Else Fails. It's all part of an elaborate plan to save the planet, and the bold move sends Koda into chaos, inciting a populist uprising.

Nevertheless, the media spins fake news, reporting Yor has died as riots break out in the streets. Meanwhile, Yor's mother, Mar, is pushed into a position of power she never could have anticipated.

Libes sat down with *Eugene Weekly* to talk about his decision to center Mar in the storyline, current events, and what it might take to solve our environmental crisis before it's too late.

**EW: I read the book in the midst of social unrest in American streets, wildfires worsened by human-caused global warming, a pandemic and an American autocratic government. Were current events on your mind while writing *The Foreseeable Future*?**

HOWARD LIBES: Not really. I definitely have a clear idea where the story is headed, but I'm never sure exactly what'll happen until I sit down and write.

I started writing this series in 2015, so back then there weren't headlines even close to today. Obviously, I had no idea how things would pan out, but since then climate change has accelerated, and this country has devolved into crisis.

In *Foreseeable Future* there are moments that clearly reflect the events of 2020, but the book was fully formed last year. Maybe I'm projecting how I see things going in a worst-case scenario, and here we are.

**Can you talk a bit about the decision to center Yor's mother, Mar, in the story?**

The story in *Foreseeable Future* tells Mar's journey as a reluctant hero. *Foreseeable Future* shows the transformation of an individual who is resistant to involve herself in tackling societal issues into a person who is energized to make a difference. That story intrigued me.

**With tech billionaires like Elon Musk building rocket ships to escape the planet while Earth's governments bicker and flounder, there are additional parallels in the book to Mado Prevor and the spacecraft, When All Else Fails. Do our hopes lie with private billionaires, or will the people of Earth be able to solve our climate emergency through representative government?**

*Foreseeable Future* spotlights the darker side of Kodan society and what motivates the people who are working to suppress the population, whether it's greed, power, loyalty to an idea or all of the above. I think it's important to understand these people in the saga — and in real life.

I'm cautiously optimistic that nations around the world and our country will pull ourselves together and deal with the climate change reality that we face.

Unfortunately, I think in many parts of the environment the damage is done and there is no turning back. Long story short, I think we need to fight for our planet. ■

*The Foreseeable Future and When All Else Fails are available in paperback and eBook through [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Read the first chapter and buy the new book in paperback at [HowardLibes.com](http://HowardLibes.com).*

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** Juvenile Department In the Matter of JEFFERI SIERRA NICOLE ASHLOCK, A Child. Case No. 20JU00807 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Carel Danial Ashlock aka Carel Daniel Ashlock IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE the Lane County Juvenile Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on the 4th day of February, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to admit or deny the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated October 12, 2020. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County, Oregon. Date of first publication: 01/07/21. Date of last publication: 01/21/21. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT AS DIRECTED ABOVE, THEN YOU MUST APPEAR ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS to the above-named child either

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## Jonesin' Crossword

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### "Cashing In"

—a puzzle with some redeeming value.

### Across

- 1 Palindromic title (even with the apostrophe)
- 5 Dutch-speaking Caribbean island
- 10 Gum blobs
- 14 Prefix that means "both"
- 15 Littlest bits
- 16 Chain with stacks and syrups
- 17 "How You Remind Me" rock band
- 19 Croft of the Tomb Raider games
- 20 Pointer by another name
- 21 Place to get drinks before you turn in, maybe
- 23 "Take This Job and Shove It" singer David Allan \_\_\_\_
- 24 "Qu'É \_\_\_\_?" ("How's it going?")
- 27 Area near NYU
- 28 Dressed like a judge
- 30 Nocturnal newborn
- 34 Monopoly token until
- 2017
- 39 Language suffix
- 40 Equal share, often
- 41 Wall crawlers
- 42 Apothecary's container
- 43 "The King and I" star Brynner
- 44 Get red in the face and shy away, maybe
- 46 First "Blue's Clues" host
- 48 Willie Nelson's son who leads the band Promise of the Real
- 49 An official language of Pakistan
- 52 Remained on the shelf
- 53 Drugstore with long receipts
- 56 Smoked Polish sausage
- 60 Most Nunavut inhabitants
- 62 Monty Python member Idle
- 63 Like bottles and cans, in some states (or what five long Across answers all literally contain)

- 66 Delany of "China Beach"
- 67 Hospital figure
- 68 Luxor river
- 69 Out in the open
- 70 Secretly watch
- 71 Sailed through

### Down

- 1 \_\_\_\_ Panic (hair color brand that's still around)
- 2 Protein-building acid
- 3 Start of a popular children's song
- 4 (Soon-to-be) former VP name (depending on when this is published)
- 5 Have a cold, perhaps
- 6 Shoplift
- 7 Ogden's locale
- 8 Maple go-with, in some recipes
- 9 Seek permission for
- 10 Ron Howard fantasy film of 1988
- 11 Moby-Dick captain
- 12 Bilingual TV explorer
- 13 Practice for a boxing match
- 18 Endorse enthusiastically
- 22 Website for DIYers with instructional steps
- 25 "Steal This Book" author Hoffman
- 26 Remain's counterpart in Brexit
- 28 NFL official
- 29 It gets boring pretty quickly
- 31 1970s teen idol Garrett
- 32 Genesis brother
- 33 Poker player's giveaway
- 34 Motivations
- 35 High, in Haiti
- 36 Dakota Fanning's younger sister
- 37 "Classic Concentration" puzzle type
- 38 Tennis star Naomi
- 42 Initials that may be collecting dust in your TV room
- 44 "Phineas and \_\_\_\_"
- 45 Pillowcase material
- 47 Lt. Tuvok, for one
- 50 Does sock repair
- 51 Consume
- 53 Like 8, 27, and 64
- 54 Coupe de \_\_\_\_ (old Cadillac model)
- 55 Chariot horse
- 56 Canvas shoe brand
- 57 "Dies \_\_\_\_" (Latin hymn)
- 58 A, to Germans
- 59 "It's worth \_\_\_\_!"
- 61 Grandma, informally
- 64 Show stager for GIs
- 65 Neurotic cartoon chihuahua

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# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): On May 4, 2019, my Aries friend Leah woke up in a state of amazement. During the night, she felt she had miraculously become completely enlightened. Over the next 16 hours, she understood her life perfectly. Everything made sense to her. She was in love with every person and animal she knew. But by the next morning, the exalted serenity had faded, and she realized that her enlightenment had been temporary. She wasn't mad or sad, however. The experience shook her up so delightfully that she vowed to forevermore seek to recreate the condition she had enjoyed. Recently she told me that on virtually every day since May 4, 2019, she has spent at least a few minutes, and sometimes much longer, exulting in the same ecstatic peace that visited her back then. That's the Aries way: turning a surprise, spontaneous blessing into a permanent breakthrough. I trust you will do that soon.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): One morning, famous French army general Hubert Lyautey (1854-1934) instructed his gardener to spend the next day planting a row of saplings on his property. The gardener agreed, but advised Lyautey that this particular species of tree required 100 years to fully mature. "In that case," Lyautey said, "plant them now." I recommend that you, too, expedite your long-term plans, Taurus. Astrologically speaking, the time is ripe for you to take crisp action to fulfill your big dreams.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Someone asked poet E. E. Cummings what home was for him. He responded poetically, talking about his lover. Home was "the stars on the tip of your tongue, the flowers sprouting from your mouth, the roots entwined in the gaps between your fingers, the ocean echoing inside your ribcage." What about you, Gemini? If you were asked to give a description of what makes you feel glad to be alive and helps give you the strength to be yourself, what would you say? Now would be a good time to identify and honor the influences that inspire you to create your inner sense of home.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): "Be sweet to me, world," pleads Cancerian poet Stephen Dunn in one of his poems. In the coming weeks, I invite you to address the world in a similar way. And since I expect the world will be unusually receptive and responsive to your requests, I'll encourage you to add even more entreaties. For example, you could say, "Be revelatory and educational with me, world," or "Help me deepen my sense that life is meaningful, world," or "Feed my soul with experiences that will make me smarter and wilder and kinder, world." Can you think of other appeals and supplications you'd like to express to the world?

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Throughout his many rough travels in the deserts of the Middle East, the Leo diplomat and army officer known as Lawrence of Arabia (1888-1935) didn't give up his love of reading. While riding on the backs of camels, he managed to study numerous tomes, including the works of ancient Greek writers Aeschylus and Aristophanes. I'd love to see you perform comparable balancing acts in the coming weeks, Leo. The astrological omens suggest you'll be skilled at coordinating seemingly projects and tasks that don't normally coordinate — and that you'll thrive by doing so. (PS: Your efforts may be more metaphorical and less literal than Lawrence's.)

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): Sculptor Stefan Saal testifies that one of his central questions as a creator of art is to know when a piece is done. "When making a thing I need to decide when is it thoroughly made, when is it dare-we-say 'perfected.'" He has tried to become a master of knowing where and when to stop. I recommend this practice to you in the next two weeks, Virgo. You've been doing good work, and will continue to do good work, but it's crucial that you don't get overly fussy and fastidious as you refine and perhaps even finish your project.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): You're entering the potentially most playful and frisky and whimsical phase of your astrological cycle. To honor and encourage a full invocation of gleeful fun, I offer you the following thoughts from Tumblr blogger Sparkledog. "I am so tired of being told that I am too old for the things I like. No cartoons. No toys. No fantasy animals. No bright colors. Are adults supposed to live monotonous, bleak lives? I can be an adult and still love childish things. I can be intelligent and educated and informed and I can love stuffed animals and unicorns. Please stop making me feel bad for loving the things that make me happy."

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): "Nature cannot be ordered about, except by obeying her," wrote philosopher Francis Bacon (1561-1626). That paradoxical observation could prove to be highly useful for you in the coming weeks. Here are some other variants on the theme: Surrendering will lead to power. Expressing vulnerability will generate strength. A willingness to transform yourself will transform the world around you. The more you're willing to acknowledge that you have a lot to learn, the smarter you'll be.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): In his book *The Lover's Dictionary*, David Levithan advises lovers and would-be lovers to tell each other their very best stories. "Not the day's petty injustices," he writes. "Not the glimmer of a seven-eighths-forgotten moment from your past. Not something that somebody said to somebody, who then told it to you." No, to foster the vibrant health of a love relationship — or any close alliance for that matter — you should consistently exchange your deepest, richest tales. This is always true, of course, but it's especially true for you right now.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): On October 18, 1867, the United States government completed its purchase of Alaska from Russia. How much did this 586,000-acre kingdom cost? Two cents per acre, which in today's money would be about 37 cents. It was a tremendous bargain! I propose that we regard this transaction as a metaphor for what's possible for you in 2021: the addition of a valuable resource at a reasonable price. (PS: American public opinion about the Alaskan purchase was mostly favorable back then, but a few influential newspapers described it as foolish. Don't let naysayers like them dissuade you from your smart action.)

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): "My business is circumference," wrote poet Emily Dickinson in a letter to her mentor. What did she mean by that? "Circumference" was an important word for her. It appeared in 17 of her poems. Critic Rochelle Cecil writes that for Dickinson, circumference referred to a sense of boundlessness radiating out from a center — a place where "one feels completely free, where one can express anything and everything." According to critic Donna M. Campbell, circumference was Dickinson's metaphor for ecstasy. When she said, "My business is circumference," she meant that her calling was to be eternally in quest of awe and sublimity. I propose that you make good use of Dickinson's circumference in the coming weeks, Aquarius. It's time to get your mind and heart and soul thoroughly expanded and elevated.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Should I quote the wisdom of people who have engaged in behavior I consider unethical or immoral? Should I draw inspiration from teachers who at some times in their lives treated others badly? For instance, Pisces-born Ted Geisel, better known as beloved author Dr. Seuss, cheated on his wife while she was sick, ultimately leading to her suicide. Should I therefore banish him from my memory and never mention the good he did in the world? Or should I forgive him of his sins and continue to appreciate him? I don't have a fixed set of rules about how to decide questions like these. How about you? The coming weeks will be a good time to redefine your relationship with complicated people.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA LEE FLIESBACH, Deceased. Case No. 20PB09115 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be

affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published on January 14, 2021. /s/ Michael A. Roberts Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Janne Marie Davis, Deceased. Case No. 21PB00025 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 302, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published on January 14, 2021. /s/ Terry McLaughlin, Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE** In The Matter of JESSICA DANIELLE SARMIENTO Petitioner, and XAVIER ORLANDO HEYES PENDERGRASS Respondent. Case No. 20DR14043 SUMMONS DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUIT TO: XAVIER ORLANDO HEYES PENDERGRASS, Respondent. The petitioner has filed a Petition asking for: CUSTODY. If you do not file the appropriate legal paper with the court in the time required (see below), your spouse/partner may ask the court for a judgment against you that orders the relief requested. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "Response" or "Motion." Response forms may be available through the court located at: 301 NW F St, Grants Pass, OR 97526. This Response must be filed with the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and you must show that the Petitioner's attorney (or the Petitioner if he/she does not have an attorney) was served with a copy of the "Response" or "Motion." The location to file your response is at the court address indicated above. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at [www.oregonstatebar.org](http://www.oregonstatebar.org) or by calling (503)684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll free elsewhere in Oregon at (800)452-7636. If special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities

Act is needed, please contact your local court at the address above; telephone number: (541)476-2309. Petitioner Signature /s/ Jessica Sarmiento, 1119 Catherine Way, Grants Pass, OR 97526, (541)659-1092

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE** In the Matter of the Estate of BEULAH RUTH HARRINGTON, Deceased. Case No. 21PB00060 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sandra M. Mitchell has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, c/o Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, OR 97420, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court - Probate Department, Lane County Courthouse, 125 E. Eighth Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published: 01/14/21.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE** PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: JOHN C. BOBBITT, Deceased. CASE No. 20PB09134 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS (ORS 113.155) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John J. Paulson, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of John C. Bobbitt, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, through his attorney, John A. Hudson, North Bank Law, at 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. (Please provide vouchers or documents substantiating any such claim). All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, whose contact information is as follows: Personal Representative: John J. Paulson, 975 Willagillespie Rd., Ste 202, Eugene, OR, 97401-2104, Phone: 541-484-1881. Attorney for Personal Representative: John A. Hudson, OSB #741498, North Bank Law 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401 Tele: (541) 485-0777 Fax: (541) 344-7487. Dated and first published January 14, 2021. /s/ John A. Hudson, OSB #741498, Attorney for Personal Representative



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE,** John Alvin Porter, Petitioner, and Denise Leann Porter, Respondent. Case No. 20DR15464 SUMMONS FOR FAMILY LAW CASE. To: Denise Leann Porter, Home Address: Unknown, Work Address: None. Your spouse, partner, or child's parent has filed a Petition asking for: Divorce or dissolution of your registered domestic partnership (RDP). NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you just file a legal paper called a "Response" or a motion. Response forms are available through the court above or online at [www.courts.oregon.gov](http://www.courts.oregon.gov). Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your Response must be filed with the court clerk at the court named above within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein: 01/14/21, along with required filing fee (go to [www.courts.oregon.gov](http://www.courts.oregon.gov) for fee information). It must be in proper form and you must show that the Petitioner's lawyer (or the Petitioner if he or she does not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of the Response according to the service rules. Service rules are included in Instructions for Respondents, available at [www.courts.oregon.gov](http://www.courts.oregon.gov). If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636, or go to [www.oregonstatebar.org](http://www.oregonstatebar.org). /s/ John Alvin Porter, P.O. Box 1289, Springfield, OR 97477, (503)754-1420. [Attach to Summons per ORS 107.093(5)] NOTICE OF STATUTORY RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING DISSIPATION OF ASSETS IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS. REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. BOTH PARTIES MUST OBEY EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDER TO AVOID VIOLATING THE LAW. SEE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING BELOW. TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT: Under ORS 107.093 and UTCR 8.080, neither Petitioner nor Respondent may: **INSURANCE POLICIES:** (1) Cancel, modify, terminate or allow to lapse for nonpayment of premiums any policy of health insurance, homeowner or renter insurance, or automobile insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for the other party or a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy that names either of the parties or a minor child of the parties as a beneficiary. **INSURANCE BENEFICIARIES:** (2) Change beneficiaries or covered parties under any policy of health insurance, homeowner or renter insurance, or automobile insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for the other party or a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy. **PROPERTY:** (3) Transfer, encumber, conceal, or dispose of property in which the other party has an interest, in any manner, without written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for necessities of life. (A) Paragraph (3) does not apply to payment by either party of: (i) Attorney

fees in this action; (ii) Real estate and income taxes; (iii) Mental health therapy expenses for either party or a minor child of the parties; or (iv) Expenses necessary to provide for safety and welfare of party or a minor child of the parties. **EXPENSES:** (4) Make extraordinary expenditures without providing written notice and an accounting of the extraordinary expenditures to the other party. This does not apply to payment of expenses necessary to provide for the safety and welfare of a party or a minor party of the parties. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** The above provisions are in effect immediately upon service of the Petition and Summons on the respondent. They remain in effect until a final judgment is issued, until the petition is dismissed or until future order of the court. **RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING:** Either Petitioner or Respondent may request a hearing to modify or revoke one or more terms of this restraining order, by filing with the court the Request for Hearing re: Statutory Restraining Order form specified in Form 8.080.2 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA,** JUSTIN BRADLEY DAVIS, Petitioner, vs. DANNA LEE OLSON, Respondent. CASE NO. CV01-20-19281 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: DANNA LEE OLSON You have been sued by Justin Bradley Davis, the Petitioner in the District Court in and for Ada County, Idaho, Case No. CV01-20-19281. The nature of the claim against you is for Divorce. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, physical address (200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho) and telephone number of the district court clerk] (208)287-6900 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: Jennifer M. Schindele, P.O. Box 827, Boise, Idaho 83701. A copy of the Summons and Petition for Divorce can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or Bevis, Thiry & Schindele, P.A. at 208-345-1040. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Date:12/31/2020, Ada County District Court: /s/Phil McGrane. Typed/printed name: Kristi Weekley, By: /s/Kristi Weekley, Deputy Clerk. JENNIFER M. SCHINDELE ISB #6811, BEVIS, THIRY & SCHINDELE, P.A., 412 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Ste. 211, P.O. Box 827 Boise, Idaho, 83701-0827, Telephone: (208) 345-1040, Facsimile: (208) 345-0365, E-serve: [admin@bevislaw.com](mailto:admin@bevislaw.com) ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF FRANK EDWIN WENDT, deceased, Lane County

Probate Case No. 20PB08796. Any person having a claim against the Estate is required to present their claim(s), with vouchers attached, to Kelly McCorkle, PR, Estate of Frank Edwin Wendt, c/o Alan R. Buchalter, 399 East 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claim(s) may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 01/07/21. /s/ Kelly McCorkle, Personal Representative, PO Box 915, Veneta, Oregon 97487, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Alan R. Buchalter, OSB No. 922427, 399 East 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401 (541) 484-4414

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 20PB09073 In the matter of the Estate of Adrienne Lee Coleman, Decedent, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bruce Burke has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned personal representative c/o Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative, Northwest Legal, Attn: Jinoo Hwang, 975 Oak Street, Suite 700, Eugene, OR 97401.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF MARY KATHRYN KEHAUNANI CLARK-ALEXANDER, deceased, Lane County Probate Case No. 20PB08862. Any person having a claim against the Estate is required to present their claim(s), with vouchers attached, to Brian M. Alexander, PR, Estate of Mary Kathryn Kehaunani Clark-Alexander, c/o Alan R. Buchalter, 399 East 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claim(s) may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 01/07/21. /s/ Brian M. Alexander, Personal Representative, 1265 Taney Street, Eugene, Oregon 97402, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Alan R. Buchalter, OSB No. 922427, 399 East 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 484-4414

# SAVAGE LOVE

Case Disclosed  
BY DAN SAVAGE



*I could really use your advice. I recently found my boyfriend's HIV meds while I was house sitting for him and went into his cupboard for a multivitamin. We've been dating for a year, and I had assumed he was negative. I'm negative myself and on PrEP, and he is undetectable, so I know there is essentially zero risk of me getting infected, but we agreed to some degree of "openness" at the start of the relationship — having threesomes together — and I recently found a guy we'd like to invite over. I'm trying to get over the feeling of betrayal from the fact that my boyfriend hid his status from me for so long but I'm fine with continuing the relationship knowing his status now. The thing is, he told me that only five people on Earth know and his mother, whom he talks to almost every day, isn't one of them. He says being poz has really fucked with his self-esteem and that he has had suicidal thoughts because of his status. Is it unreasonable for me to expect him to disclose his status to guys who join us in bed? What about asking him to share with a therapist or "come out" as poz to his mother? I really love him and just want him to be happy and healthy.*

— Wannabe Ethical And Supportive Slut

If you're worrying about HIV at the moment, WEASS, you're worrying about the wrong virus. Unless you're lucky enough to live in New Zealand, you and the boyfriend shouldn't be inviting men over for threesomes right now.

Assuming you do live in New Zealand... I don't think your boyfriend is morally obligated to disclose that he's HIV-positive to a casual sex partner, WEASS, but in some states he is legally obligated to disclose that fact. While rarely enforced, these HIV disclosure laws almost always have the opposite of their intended effect. Instead of creating a culture of testing and disclosure, these laws disincentivize getting tested — because someone who doesn't know they're HIV-positive can't get in trouble for failing to disclose.

These laws were passed decades ago, back when contracting HIV was perceived — mostly accurately — as a death sentence. But they don't reflect what it means to have HIV today or to sleep with someone who has HIV today. Having even unprotected sex now with someone who is HIV-positive and has an undetectable viral load is less risky than having protected sex with someone who hasn't been tested. Condom or no condom, the HIV-positive guy with an undetectable viral load — undetectable thanks to meds like the ones your boyfriend is taking — can't infect someone with HIV. Undetectable equals non transmissible. But a guy who assumes he's HIV-negative because he was the last time he got tested or because he's never been tested? That guy could be HIV-positive and could infect someone with HIV — even if he does use a condom, which could leak or break. (There are lots of other STIs out there we should be using condoms to protect ourselves from, including a nasty strain of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea, but we're just talking HIV here.)

In answer to your question, WEASS, I think it would be unreasonable for you to force your boyfriend to disclose his HIV status to the person you want to invite over for a threesome — but, again, HIV disclosure laws might require your boyfriend to disclose.

Now if the presumably sexually-active, sexually-adventurous gay man you're thinking about having over to your place in Christchurch isn't an idiot, WEASS, he'll know your boyfriend — the guy with the undetectable viral load — presents no threat to him, at least where HIV is concerned. And while you absolutely shouldn't out your boyfriend, WEASS, you could raise the general subject of sexual safety and see how this guy reacts. If he seems reasonable — particularly if he mentions being on PrEP, too — he's probably not gonna freak out about your boyfriend being HIV-positive for the exact same reason you didn't: there's zero chance your boyfriend could infect him with HIV. (We're both assuming this guy isn't HIV-positive himself, WEASS, which he might be.) If he seems reasonable you should encourage your boyfriend to disclose to him. Being told it's no big deal from someone your boyfriend wants to fuck before he fucks him could help your boyfriend feel less insecure about his HIV status.

Finally, you can't order your boyfriend to come out to his mom about being HIV-positive, WEASS, but you might inspire him to. He obviously worries that people will judge him or shame for being HIV-positive; that's one of the reasons he hid it from you — and, yes, he should have disclosed his HIV status to you sooner. He obviously underestimated you: you didn't reject him when you stumbled over his meds after tearing apart the cupboards in his absence while you were searching for — what was it again? Oh, right: a multivitamin. (Sure.) Anyway, WEASS, tell your boyfriend he's most likely underestimating his mother in the same way he underestimated you — then let him make his own decisions about who to tell and when.

*I'm a submissive straight guy who finally — FINALLY — met a woman who is open to my main kinks: bondage and cuckolding. I'm into handcuffs and leg irons, so the bondage part was easy (she didn't have to learn to do shibari), but the cuckolding part is a lot trickier to realize during a pandemic. She ended a longstanding FWB arrangement with a coworker when we began to get serious a year ago. Her former FWB is a safe choice, emotionally-speaking, since there was no romantic interest on either side, and he's safe where COVID-19 is concerned, since they are in a "pod" at work. (And they'll both be vaccinated soon!) She keeps saying he's the perfect bull but he's not right for me — which is a weird thing for me to say, since I'm not the one who'll be sleeping with him. I don't want to sound conceited, but I'm much better looking than he is and I'm also better hung. My cuckold fantasies revolve around my girlfriend fucking a guy who's hotter than me and better hung than I am. I worked with a therapist for a long time — not to "cure" me of my kinks, but to better understand them. And what I came to is this: it's both deeply threatening (in an erotic way) for my girlfriend to fuck someone who's "better" than me and deeply reassuring (in an emotional way) when she chooses to be with me when she could be with a "better" man.*

— Better Example Than This Erotic Rival

Something about this guy works for your girlfriend — there's a reason she keeps bringing him up — and if you want to have a future with this woman and you want cuckolding to be a part of that future, BETTER, then going with someone she's comfortable with the first time/ few times she fucks you is a really good idea. And while he may not be better looking than you or have a bigger dick, BETTER, he's gotta be "better" than you are in some other objective sense — better educated, makes better money, better at eating pussy, etc. Surely there's something about him your girlfriend can throw in your face that tweaks your insecurities (when she heads off to fuck him) and meets your need for reassurance (when she comes back to you). And how do you know your dick is bigger than his? Because your girlfriend told you it was. You might want to ask her if she lied about his dick being smaller than yours, BETTER, because that's definitely the kind of lie women tell new boyfriends about their exes and old FWBs. Given a chance to walk that back, BETTER, your girlfriend very well might — and it might even be true.

*While we are discussing the social ramifications, etymologies, synonyms, etc., of ejaculate (noun and verb) and orgasm, can I throw in a request to alter the course of popularity for another word as well? It's this: "girl." I cannot stand to see that word used to describe a woman. "I'm seeing this girl..." Oh, you're seeing a "girl"? Is she 12? If an individual is seeing a "girl" and that individual is 30, that is pedophilia. Now, if an individual is seeing a woman, and she happens to be approximately the same age (or older or younger within legal parameters) and there is mutual consent, that's fine. But if an individual is seeing a "girl," that isn't right.*

— Woman Over Regular Degradation

If an individual is seeing a pre-pubescent minor, that's pedophilia and child rape. If an individual is seeing a pubescent minor, that's hebephilia and either child rape or statutory rape. If a person is seeing an adult and casually refers to that adult person as a girl, that's not pedophilia or hebephilia or child rape or statutory rape. I mean, come on. There's a huge difference between someone affectionately referring to a new partner as a girl/girlfriend — or a boy/boyfriend — and someone, say, dismissively and intentionally infantilizing adult female coworkers or political leaders. Just as I wouldn't hear "girls night out" and assume that meant underage drinking, I wouldn't assume someone who said they were seeing a girl — or dating a boy — was sleeping with a 12 year old child. But that's just me.



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